

WOMEN FLOCK TO CELL OF MAGNETIC-HEALING PARSON.

"I Can Cure Almost Any Kind of Disease," Says the Rev. Dr. Armstrong.

"I can cure almost any kind of disease with my vital power, especially those cases that the medicine doctors have pronounced incurable."

With this introduction the Rev. Dr. John B. Armstrong, formerly Methodist minister and magnetic healer at Gloversville, N. Y., told an Evening World reporter to-day of the troubles that have landed him in a cell in the Queens County Jail awaiting trial to-morrow on the charge of endangering the morals of pretty fifteen-year-old Beatrice Kirkpatrick, whose mother is one of Dr. Armstrong's warmest admirers.

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MR. PARTRIDGE AS BLOCKADE REMOVER

EARLY TRAINING OF COMMISSIONER HAS ITS VALUE.

Many Brooklynites Bless the Executive Ability of the Official.

Police Commissioner Partridge moved the policemen in Brooklyn this morning how to open a street blockade and start cars moving.

The Commissioner was for many years President of the De Kalb Avenue Street Railroad Company, and he used them to take command of his men in person in all emergencies.

Gates avenue and Myrtle avenue cars were crowded at 8 o'clock this morning when at the corner of Vanderbilt and Myrtle avenue, where the two lines cross, a number of trucks and wagons used by men removing snow from the streets, were stopped at that crossing.

Cars soon filled the tracks for a distance of two blocks in four directions, and business wagons were held in the jam.

Hundreds of persons on their way to work in Manhattan were delayed for an hour.

Then Commissioner Partridge appeared, coming from his house to Police Headquarters. He took in the situation at a glance, made himself known to the policemen, issued a few common sense orders, caused one driver of a business wagon to drive on the sidewalk and four trolley cars to move backward several feet, when presto, order was brought out of chaos and the Commissioner and his hundreds of neighbors were again moving in trolley cars toward the bridge.

The cars in the block were those of the Vanderbilt, Myrtle, Ninth, Putnam, and Seventh avenues and the cross-town lines.

The blockade was caused by the assembling of forty snow wagons in the street, caused one driver of a business wagon to drive on the sidewalk and four trolley cars to move backward several feet, when presto, order was brought out of chaos and the Commissioner and his hundreds of neighbors were again moving in trolley cars toward the bridge.

Soon after Commissioner Partridge left Myrtle avenue the street was blocked again. Snow Contractors' Mallick's drivers, cured but little for police orders to open up the railroad lines in Myrtle or Vanderbilt avenue, and throughout the morning there were long delays, broken only when Mallick's foremen saw fit to let the cars pass.

Two precincts, those of the Putnam, avenue and the Chelsea avenue stations, join at Vanderbilt avenue. The sergeants at the desks of the two stations houses were surprised to learn that Commissioner Partridge had taken command of their patrolmen.



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H. BATTERMAN

Store Closed Saturday, Washington's Birthday.

Boys' Top Coats for Spring.

An Early Sale Starting To-morrow.

2.98

Tan Covert Cloth, two shades, silk velvet collars, fly front, lined with Italian cloth furrier's satin, sizes 3 to 15 years. This identical style will sell for 4.50 later in the season.

February Sale of Furniture and Carpets Affords Some Mighty Strong Bargains.

Broadway, Brooklyn.

CRACK DRAGOONS CUT UP BY BOERS.

His Methods Caused Young Beatrice Kirkpatrick to Appeal to the Police.

A DETACHMENT OF SCOTS GREYS SUFFERS SEVERELY.

Major and Captain and Six Men Wounded, Two Killed and Forty-six Captured.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—A detachment of the Scots Greys (Scots Dragoons), one of Great Britain's crack dragon regiments, has been cut up by the Boers at Kiplam.

Major C. W. M. Feilden and Capt. E. Fisher were severely wounded, two men were killed, six were wounded and forty-six were captured.

The news was received this morning from Lord Kitchener in a despatch dated from Pretoria, Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Scots Greys formed part of Gen. Buller's column. The latter, while moving on Nigel, Feb. 18, engaged a force of Boers at Kiplam. The Scots Greys became detached, were surrounded and were cut off.

Gen. Buller was unable to dislodge the Boers from their position, so he continued his march toward Nigel. The Boers released the Scots Greys who had been made prisoners.

Hecht Bros.

Friday Specials That Warrant Attention.

The usual Friday bargains to-morrow in connection with those specials intended for Saturday. A combination bargain offering for to-morrow's selling that will be the means of crowding two days' business into one. Our Friday Sales are always interesting, but to-morrow they will be doubly so. Open an account with us. Enjoy the benefits of our

Part=Payment Plan.

It enables you to buy at lowest cash prices, and you can pay in small amounts at convenient intervals.

Embroideries, Laces, Fancy Goods.

You can't make a mistake by buying any of the following items to-morrow. Every one is positively a bargain. Perhaps you will be benefited by investigating:

Line Cambric EMBROIDERIES, EDGES and INSERTINGS to match, large selection of patterns from 2 to 5 inches wide, value 15c; Friday at 9c.

Ladies' Cashmere GLOVES, Black, Navy and Brown, all sizes, value 19c, and 25c; Friday at 9c.

Ladies' BELTS, new Spring styles, Gilt, Black and French Gray Buckles, Straight and Bodice shapes, value 35c; Friday at 19c.

Cholet de France TOILET SOAP, 4 cakes in a box, imported to sell for 15c; Friday at 5c.

The New Butler Lines Turnover COLLARS, Blue, White and Natural Color, Silk, embroidered in white, pink, blue, red and black, value 12c; Friday at 7c.

Special lot of Trench LACE EDGES and INSERTINGS, 1 to 3 in. wide, large assortment of patterns, value 5c to 10c; on sale at 3c; Friday at 12c.

Choice lot of Venice GALOONS, Black Chantilly, Pl. de Paris and Platte Val GALOONS and EDGES, value 19c and 25c; Friday's price, 12c.

Children's Dresses, Corsets, Underwear.

There is not a man in this department that we cannot supply to your entire satisfaction. Many novel designs in Children's Dresses. Special values in Corsets. Property made Moulton Underwear with dainty trimming.

We quote a few specimen prices:

Children's quality NIGHT GOWNS, neck and sleeves finished with ruffles; size 1 to 14 years; worth 40c; special Friday at 27c.

Children's quality NIGHT GOWNS, neck and sleeves finished with ruffles; size 1 to 14 years; worth 40c; special Friday at 45c.

Children's quality NIGHT GOWNS, neck and sleeves finished with ruffles; size 1 to 14 years; worth 40c; special Friday at 12c.

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PAY BACK TAXES OR BE SOLD OUT.

GROUT SAYS THAT \$32,295.06 IS STILL DUE CITY.

Orders Sale of the Property Assessed in Order to Collect the Money.

Comptroller Grout has determined to order to collect \$32,295.06 arrears of taxes, water rates and assessments due from years prior to 1901.

A great amount of property in all the various boroughs is likely to be sold under this order if the back due taxes are not paid.

Comptroller Grout has issued a statement explaining why such radical measures are necessary.

Mr. Grout says there has been no tax arrears sale in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx since 1899. There has been no sale for arrears of assessments for these boroughs since 1899 and there has been no sale for arrears in Brooklyn since consolidation.

MRS. CORTELYOU TO MANAGE PROPERTY

JUSTICE DICKEY SAYS SHE IS NOW COMPETENT.

Sister-in-Law of President's Secretary Again in Control of Her \$100,000 Estate.

Upon the application of Lawyer F. B. Colton, Justice Dickey, in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, to-day declared Mrs. Caroline D. Townsend Cortelyou, sister-in-law of President Roosevelt's secretary, competent to manage her estate, consisting of Brooklyn real estate valued at \$100,000.

Mrs. Cortelyou was declared incompetent on Oct. 26, 1896, and Elliott Brown was then appointed committee to manage her estate.

FORTY STATES SEND GUESTS.

MANHATTAN CLUB'S REUNION OF DEMOCRATS.

Prominent Men from All Points Will Help Celebrate Washington's Birthday.

The Manhattan Club will celebrate Washington's Birthday by entertaining a host of Democrats from all over the country. Forty States will be represented, and David B. Hill, Mayor of New York City, will be present.

The committee refuses to say whether or not William J. Bryan has been invited.

The coats of arms of all the States will be used in decorating the main dining-room, in which the speeches will be made. The addresses will precede a supper, which will be served at small tables throughout the club-house.

YEAR FOR STEALING DIME.

Poor Box Thief Meets Severe Punishment.